GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INVESTIGATION INTO RAJDHANI EXPRESS BLASTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any High Level Central Team visited Assam in December, 2007 to assist in the investigation into the explosion in the Delhi bound Rajdhani Express during December, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the investigation held by the Central Team;

(c) whether any report has been submitted by the Central Team;

(d) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Central Team; and

(e) the extent to which these recommendations have been fully implemented by both the Union Government and State Governmeants to avoid such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SMT. RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (d): The blast incident has been investigated by the Bomb Disposal Unit of National Security Guards (NSG). The Director National Bomb Data Centre, NSG, in his advisory has observed that securing such an extensive Railway network against terrorist attacks is an extremely onerous task. Preventive measures suggested, inter-alia, include real time actionable intelligence, access control to Railway stations, patrolling of Railway tracks, institutional mechanisms to control the procurement and use of commercially available explosives, creating public awareness about the items use in IED blasts by the militant organizations, training of the security staff and blast site management, etc.

(e): The report of the National Security Guards has been sent to the Ministry of Railways and the Government of Assam for appropriate action.